

About IMI

Leadership. It's more than a job — it's a mindset. It's the capacity to inspire, empower and create new possibilities.

IMI's mission, and passion, is to equip leaders to build the future.

Founded by business leaders for business leaders, we've been empowering world-class executives for over sixty years. IMI merged with University College Cork in 2016, combining UCC's expertise, relationships and global reach with IMI's global ranking, reputation for excellence, unparalleled business community network and scalable business model to deliver distinctive, world-class executive education.

IMI is currently ranked as one of the Top 50 in the world for executive education, as published by the Financial Times, and are the only Irish provider to be globally ranked for the provision of customised executive education.

In partnership with UCC's expert research faculty and a global network of thought leaders, our executive development will challenge, support and inspire you to unlock your potential and fulfil your ambition.

Surrounded by passionate, like-minded executives, you'll be equipped with the tools and insight to shape the future of your organisation.

IMI. Inspiring Leadership Performance

Dr. Simon Boucher, CEO, Irish Management Institute



Simon has been CEO of IMI since June 2013. He is a passionate champion of IMI's mission to *"equip leaders to build the future"*. As CEO, Simon's responsibilities have included developing and executing growth strategies, implementing business model innovation and leading IMI's merger negotiations with University College Cork (UCC). Having completed the merger in 2016, he is now leading its implementation. Simon was included in the "Top 100 CEOs in Ireland" listing in 2015, 2016 and 2017. During Simon's time as CEO, IMI has achieved unprecedented success in global rankings, including becoming the highest new entrant across Europe in the prestigious Financial Times European Business School rankings in 2018, and becoming Ireland's first entrant in the elite Global Top 50 providers of Executive Education in 2019.

Simon is a highly experienced leadership expert. He regularly delivers keynote addresses at conferences on themes pertaining to leadership and writes an opinion column in the Sunday Business Post on matters related to leadership. He has developed and directed a wide range of executive leadership programmes in Ireland and overseas, including IMI's Diploma in Leadership and the High Impact Leadership Programme. Simon is also an experienced executive coach and is an accredited practitioner of a wide range of psychometric profiling tools.

In previous roles at IMI has Simon served as Chief Operating Officer, Registrar and Head of Graduate Studies. Simon has worked internationally as a management consultant with Accenture and for the European Commission in Brussels. He has commented extensively on American political events for TV3 and served as a Government appointee to the Judicial Appointments Approval Board. He is currently a member of the Government's "Better Balance for Better Business" Advisory Group.

Simon is a graduate of Trinity College Dublin. He completed a Master's in Business at UCC/IMI and a Master's in Political Science and PhD at Florence's European University Institute, where his doctoral research examined the leadership styles and effectiveness of political leaders.

Simon is married with two young children, aged 6 and 9. He is a long-suffering fan of Liverpool Football Club and a passionate youth football coach.